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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ch/C/RR

SUBJECT : Surveillance of Decontrolled Commodities

1. I refer to your call yesterday in which you inquired about a staff paper on this subject. Your memorandum of 5 April suggested the reproduction and distribution to EDIC of the JOC letter of 31 March. This letter and its attached list were distributed to members as EDIC/AM-9 of which you have a copy.

2. An IWG subgroup with [REDACTED] as Chairman was established 25X1A9a in July 1954 with instructions to: a) prepare a list of decontrolled items; b) indicate those items the movements of which should be traced; c) determine the most feasible method of tracing such movements; and, d) survey capabilities of EDIC member agencies for purposes of the project. (ref: IWG Case 76) On 26 August [REDACTED] reported to 25X1A9a EDIC that COCOM had been asked to consider special statistical reporting on shipment by participating countries to the bloc of decontrolled IL-I and IL-II items (ref: Paris TOPOL 213 of 27 August 1954). JOC has submitted the list of these items which it feels should be kept under surveillance.

3. Your note suggested further that I should prepare a staff paper for you indicating how we can best gather the information required. I have not undertaken this task because of its assignment initially to the subgroup and because of the steps which have already been taken by State and MDAC. During the period 6 - 12 April my time has been devoted primarily to the downgrading and fact sheet projects.

4. For your information, [REDACTED] informed Acting Chief, D/E, 25X1A9a that "E/ST will be picking up and filing by old IL number all of the items upon which JOC has requested surveillance." He requests advance warning of "EDIC deadlines if E/ST personnel are to be requested to analyze this information"... and states that..."no action will be taken to phase such a task into the E/ST work program until notice from Chief, D/E that this is desired."

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